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SUBJECT: PORT CUSTOMS DIRECTOR FIRED

REF: PAUP 1386

1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT THE CUSTOMS THEFTS INVESTIGATION (REFTEL) RESULTED IN THE OUSTING OF PORT CUSTOMS DIRECTOR PHALYNX NICHOLAS AND TWO UNIDENTIFIED DEPUTIES ON JUNE 11. WILLIAM BONHOMME, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CENTRAL CUSTOMS, IS TEMPORARILY TAKING OVER PORT CUSTOMS UNTIL NICHOLAS' SUCCESSOR IS NAMED. APPARENTLY NICHOLAS WAS NOT THOUGHT TO BE INVOLVED, BUT HE WAS AWARE OF THE PROBLEM AND FAILED TO TAKE CORRECTIVE MEASURES.

2. THE LOCAL PRESS HAVE PROCLAIMED THAT THE JUNE 2-3 ARRESTS INDICATE GOH DETERMINATION TO PREVENT ANY MISHANDLING OF EMERGENCY FOOD SUPPLIES FOR DROUGHT VICTIMS. (WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE INVESTIGATION ACQUIRED SUPER URGENCY WHEN THE THIEVES MADE THE MISTAKE OF HEISTING A SEALAND CONTAINER HOLDING PRIORITY CARGO FOR THE PALACE.)
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